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## THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTS

+ NATO aircraft bomb Bosnian Serb ammunition depot after ultimatum for return of heavy weapons to collection points is ignored; United Nations says air strike was restrained and proportional.

+ General Assembly completes election of judges to trial chambers of International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda after eight rounds of voting.

+ Secretary-General asks Special Adviser Kittani to review arrangements for Fourth World Conference on Women with Chinese Government.

+ Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia concludes ministerial session in Beirut by calling for establishment of technical committees on energy and water resources.

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) aircraft today conducted an air strike against a Bosnian Serb ammunition depot, at the request of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). A United Nations spokesman said that the mission appeared to have been successful and that two bunkers had been destroyed. He noted that the bunkers were part of a large military complex and characterized the air strike as "restrained and proportional".

Special Representative Yasushi Akashi had warned the Bosnian parties yesterday that the worsening situation in Sarajevo could not be tolerated. He said the fighting there violated the safe-area and exclusion-zone regimes and endangered the lives of innocent civilians and United Nations personnel. He noted that heavy weapons had been removed from United Nations collection points, and demanded a prompt cease-fire and full compliance with the February 1994 agreement on heavy weapons.

Late yesterday, UNPROFOR Force Commander Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith issued another warning. However, a deadline for compliance with United Nations demands passed without any reaction from the Bosnian Serbs. Lieutenant-General Smith today telephoned the deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb forces, who reportedly said he was aware of the possible consequences of

non-compliance, according to the spokesman. After the air strike, Special Representative Akashi thanked NATO for a well-executed mission.

More than 2,700 firing incidents were reported in Sarajevo yesterday, with numerous heavy weapons violations by both sides. Bosnian Serb tanks were sighted to the north and south of city, one of which fired a phosphorous round.

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The General Assembly today elected Lennart Aspegren of Sweden as judge to the trial chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, in an eighth round of balloting. The Assembly yesterday elected Navanethem Pillay of South Africa, Laity Kama of Senegal, T.H. Khan of Bangladesh, Yakov A. Ostrovsky of the Russian Federation and William H. Sekule of Tanzania.

The Tribunal has two trial chambers, each made up of three judges; a five-judge Appeals Chamber, appointed by the President of the Tribunal; a Prosecutor, who will be responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of international humanitarian law; and a Registry which will be responsible for administering and servicing the Tribunal.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has asked Special Adviser Ismat Kittani to visit China to review arrangements for the Fourth World Conference on Women with the Chinese Government, a United Nations spokesman announced today. Under-Secretary-General Kittani is Chairman of the High-level Steering Committee for the Conference, which will take place in September. He is expected to be in Beijing between 6 and 8 June.

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The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) today concluded its eighteenth ministerial session in Beirut by calling for the establishment of technical committees on energy and water resources. The committees would help to formulate priorities related to the work programme and medium-term plans of ESCWA, follow up developments in the fields of energy and water resources and in related Commission activities, and follow up international conferences and coordinate relevant regional efforts.

Participating in the session were official delegations from ESCWA's 13 member States. The members are Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Representatives of United Nations agencies participated as observers.

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